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COSMOPOLITANISM IN SCIENTIFIC WORKS EXPOSED

Elements of cosmopolitanism have persisted in various fields of Soviet science and technology as well as in literature and the arts. A recent session of the Scientific Council of the Novosibirsk Institute of Military Transport Engineers discussed this subject. Docent Savelov stated that there is a group of scientific workers who has not yet renounced its subservience to foreign thought. The cosmopolitan theory of "unity" in world science is found in many textbooks which are used in giving lectures and conducting practical training. The higher school mathematics textbooks by Luzin, Privalov, and Vlasov do not mention the contributions of Marxism to the subject and methods of mathematics. The same is true of textbooks on physics, according to senior instructor Kononov. Artybashev's standard textbook, published in 1946, does not mention such great Russian scientists as Lomonosov, Zhukovskiy, and Popov, but is filled with the names of foreign scientists. Similar examples are found in many textbooks on specialized subjects.

Professor Aleksandrov, Doctor in Technical Sciences, stated that the authors of many textbooks have contaminated their works with foreign ideas and have discredited the role of Soviet Russian science. Kislyakov and Kraut'nikov, associates of the Chair of Traffic and Freight Work, have done a great amount of work in analyzing the existing textbook literature, but the results of their labors are not being considered anywhere and have not been made available to all workers at the Institute.

Other speakers at the conference criticized the Chair of Fundamentals of Marxism-Leninism for failing to give the necessary assistance to other chairs in spreading Marxist theory, the understanding of which is necessary to general educational and specialized training. Such conditions are the result of a failure on the part of several chairs to carry out the decisions of the Scientific Council of the Institute and the lack of leadership and control on the part of the Institute's Party bureau.

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